



## LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

GEORGE GASCÓN • District Attorney  
SHARON L. WOO • Chief Deputy District Attorney

ROBERT N. ARCOS • Chief  
KEVIN S. CARTER • Deputy Chief

July 23, 2021

Executive Director Manuel Alvarez Jr.  
California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training  
860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100  
West Sacramento, California 95605

Dear Director Alvarez,

### FEBRUARY 24, 2021 POST COMMISSION MEETING: DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR QUALIFICATIONS

I am submitting this letter to address the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office's (LADA) opposition to the potential changes regarding the re-classification of current requirements and standards for District Attorney Investigators (investigators) under POST Commission Regulation 1005(a).

As you are aware, the investigators in the LADA Bureau of Investigation are certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standard and Training (POST) as general law enforcement officers, as defined by California Penal Code § 830.1(a). Our sworn investigative staff are required to earn a California POST Regular Basic Certificate and have served for at least two years as a sworn peace officer in the state of California. The POST certification along with their prior sworn law enforcement experience are vital to the operations of the LADA Bureau of Investigation.

Our sworn staff are called upon to perform all law enforcement related duties, including search warrant service, emergency vehicle operations, traffic stops, tactical entries, consensual contacts, and responding to calls for service during mutual aid operations. The members of our bureau are part of a collaborative and broader law enforcement team who work hand in hand with our allied law enforcement agencies to include the sheriff's department and over 40 local police agencies. With this daily requirement in mind, the LADA cannot responsibly consider granting an individual general law enforcement powers without the proper prior training and experience.

The development of a POST certified course designed to bridge the difference in training and testing requirements between the Specialized Investigators' Basic Certificate and the Regular Basic Certificate would be an inadequate shortcut to allow less-qualified individuals to be appointed to positions held by PC 830.1(a).

Hall of Justice

M. Alvarez *MA*  
07/29/2021

